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Title: PERFORMING BRANCHED ROLLUP FOR SHARED LEARNING COMPETENCIES IN A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (as amended)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated October 9, 2008 and concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Prior to examination of the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.